

means for adjusting the angular relationship of at least one of said article holders  
relative to the base unit to which said one article holder is secured.

8. (Amended) A holding base system as in Claim 1, and further including

[a base unit including]

[a platform,]

[means for securing said platform to a surface]

a cross-bar having an interiorly splined socket fitting over and cooperating with said  
exteriorly splined shaft extending from said platform and having at least one exteriorly  
splined shaft extending therefrom; and

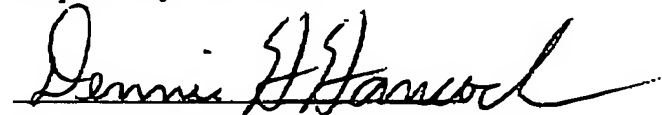
at least one article holder having an interiorly splined socket fitting over and  
cooperating with at least one exteriorly splined shaft extending from said cross bar.

### REMARKS

Responsive to the Patent and Trademark Office notice dated 05/23/2002;  
and In response to the telephone discussion between the Examiner and applicant,  
applicant has now amended Claims 3 and 8 to make them depend from Claim. 1. As  
amended, all claims in the case now depend from Claim 1. It is believed that the Claims  
1-8 are all allowable and such action is requested. A clean copy of the Claims now in  
the case is attached hereto, as EXHIBIT "A".

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Respectfully submitted,



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SECOND AMENDMENT BEFORE ACTION

EXHIBIT "A"

The claims in the application, after amendment, are as follows:

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1. A holding base system comprising  
a base unit including  
a platform;  
means for securing said platform to a surface;  
an exteriorly splined shaft extending from said platform; and  
an article holder including  
an interiorly splined socket fitting over and cooperating with said  
exteriorly splined shaft; and  
bifurcated arms extending from opposite sides of said sprocket.
  2. A holding base system as in Claim 1, wherein  
said bifurcated arms each have at least one flexible vane extending inwardly  
towards an opposite one of said bifurcated arms and towards said socket.
  3. A holding base system as in Claim 1, further including  
a pair of base units;  
means interconnecting said pair of base units;  
an article holder secured to each of said base units; and  
means for adjusting the angular relationship of at least one of said article holders  
relative to the base unit to which said one article holder is secured.
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4. A holding base system as in Claim 3, wherein

said article holders each includes article securement means; and wherein

at least one of said article securement means includes strap means to pass over an article to be secured and and to be fastened to said securement means.

5. A holding base system as in Claim 4, wherein

said article holders each include article securement means, and wherein

at least one of said article securement means includes a pair of bifurcated arms.

6. A holding base system as in Claim 5, wherein

each of said article securement means includes a pair of bifurcated arms.

7. A holding base system as in Claim 6, wherein

each of said bifurcated arms includes at least one flexible vane extending towards the other of said bifurcated arms and towards the base unit to which the bifurcated arms are secured.

8. A holding base system as in Claim 1, and further including

a cross-bar having an exteriorly splined socket fitting over and cooperating with said exteriorly splined shaft extending from said platform and having at least one exteriorly splined shaft extending therefrom; and

at least one article holder having an exteriorly splined socket fitting over and cooperating with at least one exteriorly splined shaft extending from said cross-bar.

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